

Dayton, Oreg.
Tuesday.

Dear Vicki & Jim,

Greetings from Tropical Oregon! Summer finally caught up with us this past week or so - it's been in the high 80's and low 90's and pretty muggy too. But we're not complaining too much yet - since it was so long in arriving!

We had a call from Jerry last nite saying he had shipped his car and that it would arrive in Oakland July 29th and he thought he'd fly back on the 28th to be there to claim it when it did get there - So I hope it is on schedule. There's a dock strike on but he says the Navy has a contract that they have to honor so it should be unloaded. He asked Ben if he'd like to fly down and ride back up with him and I guess he will since it's "on a weekend". - Jerry said he's had some trouble

with the cooling^{d.} system or something - So I hope it can make the trip back to Oregon! He'd best drive pretty slowly, perhaps.

He asked when and where you two were going to be in Calif and I didn't really know, of course - I thought it would be later on in Aug. Do you know for sure yet? At any rate Jerry should be here when you come. He reports to San Diego Aug. 31st and will go on board the Kitty Hawk, which he thinks will cruise by Calif. and the west coast until the first of the year and then go to Japanese waters - We're real anxious for him to get home and think it's really great that we should all be together, even if briefly!

We celebrated grandpa + Francis's silver anniversary Sunday at our

house - we had a buffet dinner and then the pretty cake and homemade strawberry ice cream (made by Jim & Louise in their new electric freezer -) We had a real nice day with lots of good food and visiting even tho it was awfully hot - Ken and Craig went skiing in the afternoon - I haven't even gone down to the river yet! I was so busy (and tired) the two weeks the p.m. was on vacation that I couldn't have gotten around to going down on one of the warm evenings. And Sunday were busy too - When Jerry comes we'll probably go up to Detroit for a few days if he wants to -

Today Dad's home painting in the diningroom & kitchen and Gene & mom. is putting down the floor underlayment prior to putting down the new floor covering - which I must order this afternoon! They're

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having a couple of days of waiting
for some big overhead doors for
Laughlin's Shop -

How are you two making it
back there? Sounds like a good
idea to eat outdoors - Do you
have shade trees, I trust? Are
you still taking tennis classes?
Or making more ceramic goodies?
And how is Jim standing the bus
ride in the heat? Or maybe he's
driving these days leaving you to
your bicycling?? Ken goes out
riding in the evenings quite often
and enjoys it -

Well I see it's nearly noon and
I must close & get ready to go
home for lunch and a hot shopping
tour to Mac - Hope you two are
real fine and we're looking forward
so to seeing you in Aug. Bye for
now.

Lots of love,
Mom & Dad.